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Virginia Department of Health Launches New and Improved Web Site Important Health Information is Just a Click Away

(RICHMOND, Va.)—We live in a fast-paced world, with the flow of information gaining speed every day. Recognizing the need to quickly find up-to-date information on important public health issues, the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has redesigned its Web site, www.vdh.virginia.gov. The new user-friendly site makes important health information easily accessible with just a few mouse clicks.

Want to view the latest restaurant inspection reports or find out how many Virginians died as a result of a certain disease last year? Just click on the Health Records and Statistics icon on the home page to find this and all of the data and statistics that VDH compiles. This is also where to find vital records information including birth, death, marriage and divorce certificates.

Want to find information on West Nile virus or the latest outbreak of salmonella? Not a problem. Check out the Disease Information and Prevention link.

The redesigned home page organizes information by topics, such as Disease Information and Prevention, Healthy Living, Emergency Preparedness and Response and Protecting the Environment. The updated search function makes it easy to find information without having to know how VDH is organized or having to guess which VDH office to look up.

Reporters and those looking to find out the latest public health news even get their own new area on the site. Check out VDH's updated Newsroom for breaking news, story ideas and additional media resources. The Newsroom also offers feature articles that illustrate the role of public health in your community. You'll also find media kits for statewide health campaigns, current VDH television and radio advertisements and downloadable graphics and photos.

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VDH's Web redesign serves to make important health information and breaking news easy to find. Visit our site at www.vdh.virginia.gov.